

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of removing nitrate nitrogen from a vegetable juice, said method comprising the steps of concentrating said vegetable juice to Brix concentration ~~10-60%~~ 20-40% to obtain a concentrate and subjecting said concentrate to electro dialysis; wherein said electro dialysis is carried out by flowing said concentrate at a linear speed of 0.5-10cm/sec on a membrane surface.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein said vegetable juice is a juice of leafy vegetables and said leafy vegetables include at least one selected from the group consisting of celery, spinach and kale.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein said vegetable juice has a sludge volume adjusted to 10% or less.

Claims 5-11 (canceled):

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 9~~ claim 4 wherein said concentrate is subjected to electro dialysis at a temperature of 10°C or lower.

Claims 13-17 (canceled).